

## QUEER

### Turn of Affairs In Telephone Injunction Case.

### Decree Turns Up Bearing Solicitor Esgate's Signature.

### City Would Lose the Injunction Case If This Entry Goes On.

### Decree Says the Commissioners Have "Ratified" the Franchise.

In the Circuit Court of the U. S., Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division.  
No. 5923, ORDER.

The City of Akron, Complainant  
vs.  
Central Union Telephone Company.

This cause came on to be heard upon the pleadings, the testimony and the affidavits; and the Court, being advised in the premises, finds. That the ordinance of the City of Akron, passed November 14, 1898, agreeing with the Central Union Telephone company as to its mode of use of the streets, alleys, and public ways of said city, IS A VALID AND SUBSISTING ORDINANCE.

That the defendant company duly filed its bond and plat as required by said ordinance.

That the City Commissioners of the City of Akron, by granting permission to the Central Union Telephone company from time to time to act under said ordinance, and the said Central Union Telephone company carrying out the permission so granted to it and expending large sums of money in so doing, HAVE RATIFIED SAID CONTRACT.

It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed that the restraining order heretofore entered in this cause be dissolved; and that the bill filed herein on June 10, 1899, be dismissed at the costs of the plaintiff.

"O.K., Osborn Esgate, City Solicitor, Akron, Ohio."

The foregoing is the full text of an order, prepared for entry upon the journal of the U. S. Circuit court at Cleveland, in the injunction case brought by the city against the Central Union Telephone company.

This endorsement appears upon the face of the order:

"O. K.,  
"Osborn Esgate,  
"City Solicitor,  
"Akron, Ohio."

Just how Solicitor Esgate's name appears upon this order, now on file in Judge Taft's office at Cleveland, is a mystery.

Mr. Esgate says he was in Cleveland yesterday and told Judge Taft that he was not satisfied with the order; that his signature was obtained by a misrepresentation.

It will be noted that according to the order, three of the City Commissioners have, by their acts from time to time, "ratified" the franchise which the Telephone company succeeded in railroad through the Council. If the order becomes binding there will be a great deal of responsibility for the three City Commissioners to shoulder.

The citizens of Akron will keep an eye on the trend of events at Cleveland.

## ATTACK

### On Imperial Policy

### Opened by the Venerable Senator Hoar.

### Introduced a Strong Resolution Today

### Defining Government's Purpose and Policy.

### Has Confidence in the Declaration of Independence.

Washington, Dec. 20.—(Spl.)—Senator Hoar, the noted Republican of Massachusetts, began his attack upon the Administration policy of Imperialism this morning, introducing a resolution declaring that "this Republic should adhere to the doctrines which were in the past set forth in the Declaration of Independence" and that "the purpose of its existence, and the object to which

its political action ought to be directed, should be to the ennobling of humanity, the raising from the depths of its humblest members, the enabling of persons coming lawfully under its power to live in freedom and in honor under governments whose forms they are to have a share in determining and in whose administration they are to have an equal share."

## BRITISH

### Trying to Hold Their Position—Shelling the Boers.

Pretoria, Dec. 15.—(Spl.)—An official announcement says the British are shelling the Boers' position on the Tugela, to prevent their crossing the river and capturing the guns deserted by the British on the south bank.

### Treaties Will Bind.

Washington, Dec. 20.—(Spl.)—The Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate today authorized a favorable report on the two treaties with Germany and England for the control of the Samoan Islands.

### Menelik Sees His Chance.

London, Dec. 20.—(Spl.)—Great anxiety is felt here over the attitude of the Emperor of Abyssinia toward England. At present there is a dispute between this king and Great Britain as to the boundary between Egypt and Abyssinia and it is feared that Menelik may consider the present an excellent time to make a demand against the British.

### Gompers Re-elected.

Detroit, Dec. 20.—(Spl.)—Samuel

"Lest we forget," let us jog your memory regarding that Christmas matter. The ranks are still full—we have had large sales but are receiving new things daily in all departments so we are prepared to satisfy all.

### Lamps

A lot of extra choice arrivals.

### Couches

New and desirable addition to our display opened up today.

### House Desks

A very large and select line.

### Parlor Furniture

Fine Upholstered pieces. Tables. Odd Chairs and Rockers, Cabinets. These are always acceptable gifts.

### Dining Room Furniture.

Tables. Chairs. Sideboards. China Cabinets. Dishes.

### Bed Room Furniture.

Chamber Suits. Metal Beds. Odd Dressers. Dressing Tables. Chiffoniers. Nothing better for a gift.

### Living Room Furniture. . .

Book Cases. Leather Chairs and Rockers. Morris Chairs. Library Tables, etc.

Then there are innumerable other things which cannot be enumerated, all of which make excellent Christmas gifts. Call and see them.

### BURDETTE L.

## DODGE,

Seller of everything to furnish a home.

South Howard street.

Gompers was unanimously re-elected President of the American Federation of Labor this morning. The other officers were also re-elected.

## RABBI PHILO

### Will Be Re-elected By His Present Congregation.

A prominent member of the Hebrew Reformed church told a DEMOCRAT reporter that Rabbi I. E. Philo would be re-elected pastor of the church at the expiration of his year's service, which will be in a few months. Mr. Philo is an able minister, and popular with his congregation.

Matinee dance at XX Century hall Christmas afternoon at 2 o'clock. 75¢ per couple. Ladies 25¢.

### W. F. STICKLE.

Bachtel property, on Water street between Exchange and Bowery, for sale at private sale. Appraised at \$1,500.00. Can be sold at \$900—\$800 down, \$900 in one year and \$800 in two years, 5 per cent interest, secured by mortgage.

F. M. ATTERHOLT, Assignee, Akron Sav's Bank Bldg. Dec 19-1 wk

### SHERMAN.

Thomas Bird, eldest son of Geo. Bird, is seriously ill with hemorrhage of the lungs. Dr. Spencer Doylestown is the attending physician.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Montgomery of Clark's Mill spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Perry Ware.

The High church Sunday school will have a Christmas tree on Saturday night, Dec. 23.

Rev. Etter of Wadsworth occupied the pulpit of the High church on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Swain spent Saturday and Sunday in Akron the guests of Mrs. Aaron Teple.

Mrs. Adam Hackenberg has been in Akron the past two weeks hoping to regain her health.

Charley Baughman has had a very sick horse the past week.

Miss Carlson of Barborton spent the past few days with Miss Clara Ware.

THE WEATHER:  
Fair tonight and Thursday.

## P. H. Schneider Co.

Largest Exclusive  
Dry Goods Store  
in Akron.

### Special Christmas Offerings

IN

## Jackets

AND

## Capes.

New, Stylish Garments at  
Great Reductions.

### FURS

Near Seal and Electric Seal Jackets, Choice Collar-capes, Boas and Muffs in all qualities at lowest possible prices.

### Extra Specials.

100 garments, good qualities, some last year's styles at \$1, \$2 and \$3.

## P. H. Schneider Co.

155 and 157

South Howard street.

N. B.—See advertisement on 8th page, this issue.

## MURDER

### Object of an Assault

### Made on Well Known Mogadore Citizen.

### Found on Floor In Pool of Blood.

### He Has Been Unconscious Ever Since.

### Officers Have no Clue to His Assaultants.

John Thurston of Mogadore is in a critical condition, the result of a murderous assault made on him by unknown parties.

The entire affair is mysterious. Thurston had no known enemies in the village. It is believed that the assailant's object was robbery. He has been unconscious since Monday morning.

He was found on the floor of the Myers & Hall pottery. He had been brutally beaten, his head being cut in numerous places. He was lying in a pool of blood, which was spattered all around him. As he has not regained consciousness, the officers have been unable to get any information on which to base a clue.

Thurston has resided in Mogadore all his life and is well known, not only in the village but throughout the county.

The Union Charity association has had little call from the chronic dependents this season; its methods do not encourage them. But it has had an unusual number of worthy emergency cases requiring temporary relief. It can worthily use immediately and would like to receive Xmas gifts of coal, bedding and serviceable clothing, especially men's shoes and pants, boys' shoes, pants and coats, girls' shoes, dresses and coats and women's shoes, underclothing and dresses. Contributions will be called for. Office hours 9:30 to 11:30 a. m. Phone 93.

## THOMAS

### Tenders Resignation

### To Take Effect at End Fiscal School Year.

### Motion to Accept It Was Voted Down.

### Estimate of Cost For High School Gymnasium.

### Double Session Plan Adopted—Elected a Janitor.

Pursuant to a pre-arranged plan Supt. Thomas tendered his resignation to the Board of Education Tuesday night.

It was the grand finale of a series of incidents that have created a great deal of interest and excitement for several months.

The meeting was nearly ready for adjournment when Mr. Slabaugh announced that he carried in his pocket a communication from the Superintendent touching the tenure of his office. Mr. Otis moved that the letter be presented to the Board.

### The Resignation.

The communication bears the date of August 22, 1899, and is as follows: "To the Board of Education: Prompted by a desire to promote peace and harmony in the administration of the schools of Akron and without yielding my legal right under the contract made in March last, for two years' services as Superintendent of the Akron schools, I hereby tender my resignation as such superintendent, not to take effect until July 1, 1900. The same to be acted upon by the board not later than Jan. 1, 1900.

"Yours respectfully,  
"R. S. THOMAS."

### Not Accepted.

Mr. Otis promptly moved the acceptance of the resignation. Mr. Freese seconded and the motion was lost. Vote stood:

Ayes—Milikin, Otis, Slabaugh, Freese.

Nays—Raymond, Kelly, Diehn, Hartzell, Gibbons, Talcott, Inman, Reed.

### There was no discussion.

### Double Session.

Upon recommendation of Chairman Kelley of the School and Discipline Committee the double session plan was adopted for the High school to begin with the January term. The sessions will be from 8:30 to 11:30 a. m. and from 1 to 3 p. m.

### High School Gymnasium.

In the same connection Mr. Kelley moved that the committee on new buildings be instructed to look into the advisability of building a gymnasium on the high school lot and report to the board plans and costs within one month. Said gymnasium to be divided suitably for the use of the girls as well as the boys. The motion carried.

### Janitor Elected.

After much maneuvering Mr. John Nolf was elected janitor of the Allen school at a salary of \$75 per month. His name was presented by Dr. Milikin. Mr. Gibbons, who has all along favored the election of Lewis Yerrick, countered by asking that the vote be deferred for two weeks. This was voted down. Col. Gibbons thereupon recommended Mr. Yerrick for the position. Vote was taken upon the candidacy of Mr. Nolf. It stood—Ayes 8; Nays 4.

### Salaries Reduced.

The salaries of teachers in the night school were cut down to \$2 per evening. Messrs. Slabaugh and Otis suggested that law students, who had been teachers, could be secured. It was stated that the city of Cleveland pays that amount for similar work. The teachers' terms expire Wednesday and Superintendent Thomas was authorized to select teachers until the next meeting.

### New Teachers.

Supt. Thomas recommended the following teachers for a trial: Mrs. J. D. Chandler, Mrs. Brooker, Miss Nellie Rooney, of Fairmount, Wis., and Miss Belle Slade of Columbus. Each is to receive \$45 per month except Miss Slade. Her salary is \$35 per month.

### Want to Sell.

G. F. Kaesch, representing Hunt-

## M. O'Neil & Co.

### Magnificent Array of

Men's Furnishings For the Holidays  
Men's Holiday Neckwear  
Fancy Silk Suspenders  
Silk Mufflers, Fancy Shirts  
Dress and Driving Gloves, Etc.

We also show a superb assortment of

## House Coats and Bath Robes

At the lowest possible prices, in proof of which we offer

## 50 House Coats at . . \$2.75

The former prices of which were \$4.50 to \$6.50.

First floor, left of main entrance.

## M. O'NEIL & CO.

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## Music Boxes,

Regina and Symphonium.

Which I will sell absolutely at cost to make room for our Phonographs.

\$100 Music Box at	- - - -	\$60.00
\$75 Music Box at	- - - -	\$45.00
\$70 Nickel Slot Music Box at	- - - -	\$40.00
\$40 Box	- - - -	\$25.00

FOR THIS WEEK ONLY.

## Smith

220 South Main street.

ington Brown of Mansfield, offered to sell the board four acres of land for \$5,000. The land is located at northeast corner of East Exchange and Fountain sts. It was referred to the grounds committee.

### Notes.

J. M. Harding, C. A. Pressler, M. H. Smith and O. C. Castle filled applications for positions as janitors.

Attendance at the night school has decreased on account of stores being open evenings. The school will close Wednesday night until Jan. 2.

Day schools will close Friday until January 2.

Salary of Janitor Frank Bissell for services incident to the night school was increased to \$2.50 per night.

Salary of Miss Dora Graham, superintendent's stenographer, was increased to \$30 per month.

Dr. Reed presented bills from Miss Grace Stevens for \$33.50 and Miss Inez Blodgett for \$47. These amounts accrued before salaries of these teachers were restored. The bills were allowed.

The clerk reported cash to the amount of \$39,606.

Mr. Otis presented a resolution amending rule 34. It requires that salaries be paid the day following a meeting of the board authorizing such payment.

Mr. Otis moved the adoption of Hall's Arithmetic, published by the Werner Co. The book is not needed at present and the motion failed to carry.

Every member was present at the meeting.

## LATE LOCALS.

The Sappho club met Monday evening at the home of the Misses Thomas, 214 Spicer st. After an interesting program the club indulged in genuine social pastime. The next meeting will be held on New Year's night at the home of Misses Irene and Florence Weber, 117 Crosby st.

Christmas exercises will be held in all the schools Friday afternoon. The children will give a program of recitations and music. The teachers will assist by giving a talk upon the significance of Christmas.

The condition of Mrs. J. E. Philo, who, on Sunday, Dec. 12, was taken to the Polyclinic hospital, Philadelphia, is not much changed. However, it is thought, if any, the change is for the better. Rabbi I. E. Philo is with his wife at the hospital, consequently, there will be no service at the temple Friday evening.

Akron people registered at Cleveland hotels Tuesday were: F. H. Mason, Hollenden; Mrs. Jas. Atkins Stillman; Miss Helen A. Storer; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hardy, Colonel; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Savage, Forest City; W. T. Akers, Weddell; G. C. Marsh, L. C. Thompson, American; A. D. Alexander, Hawley.

## Open Evenings "The Big Store of Little Prices" Open Evenings J. J. Brasaemle's 5c & 10c Store

### Don't Wait For the Last Note

Of the last hour. It'll sound soon, and then there'll be nothing but hurry and scurry and jamming and crowding, and we can't wait on you half as well as we want to, and you won't be able to have near as much attention as you deserve. Today's crowd will be greater than yesterday's was, and tomorrow's throng will be greater than today's. As the days pass so does choice.

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This is the biggest and best toy store in the city. It is full of holiday specials, and to share these you should be EARLY.

DINNER SETS	CUPS AND SAUCERS
WORK BASKETS	RUBBER BALLS
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TOY TABLES	A.B.C. BLOCKS
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FINE LINE JAP. GOODS	ALL KINDS GLASSWARE
ALL KINDS RUBBER TOYS	LITTLE AND BIG DOLLS

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